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Notes:

(1) Statistics Canada estimate July 1
(2) Annual average
a Actual
sa Seasonally adjusted
p Preliminary
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i Intention
ri Revised intention

Data Sources:
Population, Vital Statistics, Migration - Statistics Canada, Demographic Estimates Section, Quarterly Demographic Statistics, Catalogue No. 91-002
Labour Force - Statistics Canada, Labour Statistics Division, Labour Force Survey, monthly Catalogue No. 71-001-XIE; Labour Force Historical Review, Catalogue No. 71F0004XCB
Employment Insurance - Statistics Canada, Labour Statistics Division, Employment Insurance Statistics, monthly
Consumer Price Index - Statistics Canada, Prices Division, The Consumer Price Index, Catalogue 62-001
Income (Personal Income per Capita, Total Wages & Salaries, Average Weekly Wages) - Statistics Canada, System of National Accounts, Provincial Economic Accounts, quarterly, Catalogue No. 13-213-PPB; Estimates of Labour Income, quarterly, Catalogue No. 13F0016; Employment, Earnings & Hours, monthly, Catalogue No. 72-002
Retail/Wholesale - Statistics Canada, Retail Trade, monthly, Catalogue No. 63-005; New Motor Vehicle Sales, monthly, Catalogue No. 63-007; Wholesale Trade, monthly, Catalogue No. 63-008
Commodity Sector - Statistics Canada, Farm Cash Receipts, quarterly, Catalogue No. 21-001; Sawmills & Planing Mills, monthly, Catalogue No. 35-003; Canada's Mineral Production, annual, Catalogue No. 26-202; Natural Gas Transportation and Distribution, monthly, Catalogue No. 55-002; Electric Power Statistics, monthly, Catalogue No. 57-001; Fisheries & Oceans Canada statistics, annual
monthly, Catalogue No. 57-001; Monthly Survey of Manufacturing Shipments, CANSIM Tables 304-0014 and 304-0015; Canadian International Merchandise Trade, monthly, Catalogue No. 65-001
Construction - Statistics Canada, Private and Public Investment in Canada, annual, Catalogue Nos. 61-205; Building Permits, monthly, Catalogue No.64-001; Canada Mortgage and Housing statistics, monthly/quarterly
Gross Domestic Product - Statistics Canada, System of National Accounts, Provincial Economic Accounts, Catalogue No. 13-213-PPB

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		2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	2003	2004	2005	2004/2003	2005/2004
POPULATION	July 1/2006	937,993	936,130	934,405	(0.2)	(0.2)	936,513 (1)	937,993 (1)	936,130 (1)	0.2	(0.2)
VITAL STATISTICS											
Births	Apr-June/2006	2,188	2,171	2,148	(0.8)	(1.1)	8,650	8,734	8,662	1.0	(0.8)
Deaths	Apr-June/2006	1,980	2,017	2,048	1.9	1.5	8,064	8,225	8,378	2.0	1.9
Marriages	Apr-June/2006	1,210	1,207	1,200	(0.2)	(0.6)	4,878	4,866	4,853	(0.2)	(0.3)
MIGRATION											
Total Net Migration	Apr-June/2006	573	(626)	(24)	--	--	1,494	(211)	(2,719)	(114.1)	--
Net Interprovincial	Apr-June/2006	(65)	(868)	(645)	--	--	142	(1,594)	(4,081)	--	--
Net International	Apr-June/2006	638	242	669	--	--	1,352	1,383	1,362	2.3	(1.5)
Immigration	Apr-June/2006	459	462	558	0.7	20.8	1,474	1,770	1,929	20.1	9.0
Emigration	Apr-June/2006	(179)	220	(111)	(222.9)	(150.5)	122	387	567	217.2	46.5
LABOUR FORCE											
Seasonally Adjusted											
Total Labour Force ('000)	Sept/2006	486.9	480.0	476.3	(1.4)	(0.8)	474.6	485.0	483.9	2.2	(0.2)
Employed ('000)	Sept/2006	445.2	438.9	439.4	(1.4)	0.1	431.2	442.2	443.1	2.6	0.2
Goods Industries ('000)	Sept/2006	95.8	89.4	84.0	(6.7)	(6.0)	92.4	93.7	91.2	1.4	(2.7)
Service Industries ('000)	Sept/2006	349.5	349.5	355.4	0.0	1.7	338.8	348.5	351.9	2.9	1.0
Unemployment ('000)	Sept/2006	41.6	41.1	36.9	(1.2)	(10.2)	43.4	42.8	40.8	(1.4)	(4.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	Sept/2006	8.5	8.6	7.7	--	--	9.1	8.8	8.4	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	Sept/2006	64.2	63.0	62.4	--	--	63.1	64.1	63.6	--	--
Actual											
Employed ('000)	Sept/2006	449.6	443.4	443.4	(1.4)	0.0	431.2	442.2	443.1	2.6	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	Sept/2006	7.8	7.8	7.1	--	--	9.1	8.8	8.4	--	--

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EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (EI)											
Total Beneficiaries (#)	July/2006	34,390	35,260	34,340	2.5	(2.6)	40,698 (2)	40,941 (2)	40,804 (2)	0.6	(0.3)
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	July/2006	39,457	40,840	53,584	3.5	31.2	680,374	678,533	692,344	(0.3)	2.0
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)											
Nova Scotia											
All-Items	Sept/2006	126.8	132.3	132.5	4.3	0.2	123.9	126.1	129.6	1.8	2.8
Food	Sept/2006	126.5	129.5	133.9	2.4	3.4	122.5	125.3	129.2	2.3	3.1
Shelter	Sept/2006	125.9	133.7	136.5	6.2	2.1	122.3	125.4	130.9	2.5	4.4
INCOME											
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	2005	26,113	26,905	28,114	3.0	4.5	26,113	26,905	28,114	3.0	4.5
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	Jan-June/2006	6,519.7	6,818.9	7,095.0	4.6	4.0	12,997.2	13,250.1	13,944.8	1.9	5.2
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	July/2006	615.70	635.45	652.69	3.2	2.7	598.25	614.85	636.09	2.8	3.5
RETAIL/WHOLESALE TRADE[1]											
All Retail Outlets ($ millions)	Jan-July/2006	5,984.4	6,145.1	6,559.8	2.7	6.7	10,014.9	10,296.5	10,596.1	2.8	2.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales ($ millions)	Jan-Aug/2006	915.7	984.6	966.0	7.5	(1.9)	1,313.1	1,282.2	1,383.1	(2.4)	7.9
Wholesale Trade ($millions)	Jan-Aug/2006	4,261.2	4,131.9	4,290.5	(3.0)	3.8	6,854.3	6,266.7	6,241.8	(8.6)	(0.4)

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COMMODITY SECTORS											
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	Jan-June/2006	218.9	224.6	225.0	2.6	0.2	424.8	452.5	453.4	6.5	0.2
Fish Landings ($ millions)	Jan-Dec/2005	847.2	742.2	647.1 p	(12.4)	(12.8)	847.2	742.2	647.1	(12.4)	(12.8)
Lumber Production (000m3)	Jan-July/2006	983.5	970.9	820.6	(1.3)	(15.5)	1,648.4	1,750.7	1,556.7	6.2	(11.1)
Mineral Production[1] ($ millions)	2005	263.2	285.6	286.1 p	8.5	0.2	263.2	285.6	286.1 p	8.5	0.2
Marketable Gas Receipts (million m3)	Jan-Apr 2006	1,517.3	1,262.5	1,160.0	(16.8)	(8.1)	4,469.5	4,174.1	3,945.8	(6.6)	-- --
Power Generation (GW.h)	Jan-July/2006	7,377.5	7,418.3	7,343.3	0.6	(1.0)	12,386.9	12,563.8	12,371.7	1.4	(1.5)
Manufacturing Shipments ($ millions)	Jan-Aug/2006	6,443.0	6,539.8	6,269.2	1.5	(4.1)	8,778.2	9,751.3	9,898.7	11.1	1.5
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	Jan-Aug/2006	3,771.9	3,626.5	3,303.2	(3.9)	(8.9)	5,351.4	5,479.3	5,665.7	2.4	3.4
Foreign Imports ($ millions)	Jan-Aug/2006	4,405.4	4,633.9	5,100.5	5.2	10.1	5,816.1	6,589.9	6,989.5	13.3	6.1
CONSTRUCTION											
Capital Construction											
Expenditures ($ millions)	2006	3,662.0	3,699.5 pa	4,176.8 I	1.0	12.9	3,441.9	3,662.0	3,699.5 pa	6.4	1.0
Building Permits ($ millions)	Jan-Aug/2006	793.4	790.6	849.4 p	(0.4)	7.4	1,014.1	1,125.8	1,188.3	11.0	5.6
Housing Starts Centres 10,000+											
Starts (units)	Jan-June/2006	1,448	1,428	1,580	(1.4)	10.6	3,589	3,313	3,258	(7.7)	(1.7)
Completions (units)	Jan-June/2006	1,411	1,030	1,346	(27.0)	30.7	3,634	3,526	2,991	(3.0)	(15.2)
All Areas											
Starts (units)	Jan-June/2006	1,899	1,998	2,278	5.2	14.0	5,096	4,717	4,775	(7.4)	1.2
Completions (units)	Jan-June/2006	2,006	1,733	2,162	(13.6)	24.8	5,434	4,896	4,456	(9.9)	(9.0)
Under Construction (units)	June 30/2006	2,729	2,856	3,014	4.7	5.5	2,770	2,653	2,902	(4.2)	9.4
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT											
Real GDP (chained '97 $ millions)	2005	24,925	25,271	25,553	1.4	1.1	24,925	25,271	25,553	1.4	1.1

[1] Excludes oil and gas.

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		2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	2003	2004	2005	2004/2003	2005/2004
POPULATION	July 1/2006	31,989,454	32,299,496	32,623,490	1.0	1.0	31,676,077 (1)	31,989,454 (1)	32,299,496 (1)	1.0	1.0
VITAL STATISTICS											
Births	Apr-June/2006	85,762	87,222	88,381	1.7	1.3	335,202	337,072	340,368	0.6	1.0
Deaths	Apr-June/2006	56,021	56,911	57,883	1.6	1.7	226,169	231,200	235,329	2.2	1.8
Marriages	Apr-June/2006	37,720	39,076	38,872	3.6	(0.5)	145,048	146,093	151,334	0.7	3.6
MIGRATION											
Total Net Migration	Apr-June/2006	68,355	72,611	69,094	6.2	(4.8)	204,260	204,733	215,336	0.2	5.2
Immigration	Apr-June/2006	67,242	74,471	67,895	10.8	(8.8)	221,352	235,824	262,239	6.5	11.2
Emigration	Apr-June/2006	(1,113)	1,860	(1,199)	(267.1)	(164.5)	17,092	31,091	46,903	81.9	50.9
LABOUR FORCE											
Seasonally Adjusted											
Total Labour Force ('000)	Sept/2006	17,195.7	17,361.0	17,635.9	1.0	1.6	16,958.5	17,182.3	17,342.6	1.3	0.9
Employed ('000)	Sept/2006	15,995.7	16,196.6	16,505.0	1.3	1.9	15,672.3	15,947.0	16,169.7	1.8	1.4
Goods Industries ('000)	Sept/2006	3,986.0	3,991.8	3,967.6	0.1	(0.6)	3,925.7	3,989.8	4,002.4	1.6	0.3
Service Industries ('000)	Sept/2006	12,009.7	12,204.9	12,537.4	1.6	2.7	11,746.6	11,957.2	12,167.3	1.8	1.8
Unemployment ('000)	Sept/2006	1,200.0	1,164.4	1,131.0	(3.0)	(2.9)	1,286.2	1,235.3	1,172.8	(4.0)	(5.1)
Unemloyment Rate (%)	Sept/2006	7.0	6.7	6.4	--	--	7.6	7.2	6.8	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	Sept/2006	67.4	67.0	67.1	--	--	67.5	67.5	67.2	--	--
Actual											
Employed ('000)	Sept/2006	16,062.0	16,264.6	16,565.9	1.3	1.9	15,672.3	15,947.0	16,169.7	1.8	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	Sept/2006	6.5	6.2	5.9	--	--	7.6	7.2	6.7	--	--

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EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (EI)											
Total Beneficiaries (#)	July/2006	760,350	718,460	661,750 p	(5.5)	(7.9)	841,279 (2)	826,525 (2)	804,841 (2)	(1.8)	(2.6)
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	July/2006	986,161	984,253	1,131,656	(0.2)	15.0	14,950,569	14,970,341	14,692,519	0.1	(1.9)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)											
Canada											
All-Items	Sept/2006	124.9	129.1	130.0	3.4	0.7	122.3	124.6	127.3	1.9	2.2
Food	Sept/2006	124.7	127.3	130.9	2.1	2.8	122.4	124.9	128.0	2.0	2.5
Shelter	Sept/2006	121.2	125.2	129.8	3.3	3.7	117.5	120.5	124.2	2.6	3.1
INCOME											
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	2005	29,369	30,343	31,542	3.3	4.0	29,369	30,343	31,542	3.3	---
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	Jan-June/2006	280,420.7	294,565.0	312,284.6	5.0	6.0	541,741.1	568,519.5	600,112.5	4.9	5.6
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	July/2006	704.39	731.41	747.59	3.8	2.2	690.57	706.03	728.17	2.2	3.1
RETAIL/WHOLESALE TRADE[1]											
All Retail Outlets ($ millions)	Jan-July/2006	199,889.3	213,384.6	226,655.9	6.8	6.2	331,143.4	346,721.5	367,828.5	4.7	6.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales ($ millions)	Jan-Aug/2006	33,627.5	36,391.3	37,094.6	8.2	1.9	50,493.3	49,639.2	52,511.6	(1.7)	5.8
Wholesale Trade ($millions)	Jan-Aug/2006	295,454.9	309,624.2	333,875.3	4.8	7.8	418,810.2	446,210.0	470,350.0	6.5	5.4

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COMMODITY SECTORS											
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	Jan-June/2006	18,189.4	18,878.0	17,995.7	3.8	(4.7)	34,360.0	36,554.0	36,991.8	6.4	1.2
Fish Landings ($ millions)	Jan-Dec/2005	2,266.0	2,245.6	1,922.2 p	(0.9)	(14.4)	2,266.0	2,245.6 p	1,922.2	(0.9)	(14.4)
Lumber Production (000m3)	Jan-July/2006	49,404.7	49,274.5	48,994.5	(0.3)	(0.6)	79,319.3	84,589.6	82,888.9	6.6	(2.0)
Mineral Production[1] ($ millions)	2005	20,077.2	24,302.7	26,357.0	21.0	8.5	20,077.2	24,302.7	26,357.0	21.0	8.5
Marketable Gas Receipts (million m3)	Jan-Apr 2006	57,133.7	57,787.5	58,706.4	1.1	1.6	166,395.6	167,425.7	170,659.9	0.6	-- --
Power Generation (GW.h)	Jan-July/2006	336,837.0	330,896.0	347,688.7	(1.8)	5.1	564,218.5	568,730.6	594,525.4	0.8	4.5
Manufacturing Shipments ($ millions)	Jan-Aug/2006	390,661.4	389,996.6	393,555.2	(0.2)	0.9	550,259.5	586,105.8	591,086.0	6.5	0.8
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	Jan-Aug/2006	258,073.3	263,534.1	272,859.4	2.1	3.5	354,231.6	385,087.1	408,132.8	8.7	6.0
Foreign Imports ($ millions)	Jan-Aug/2006	235,587.9	251,336.7	263,058.4	6.7	4.7	336,103.7	356,055.7	380,748.5	5.9	6.9
CONSTRUCTION											
Capital Construction Expenditures ($ millions)	2006	154,125.2	167,838.4 pa	179,590.5 i	8.9	7.0	136,763.6	154,125.2	167,838.4 pa	12.7	8.9
Building Permits ($ millions)	Jan-Aug/2006	37,178.3	40,065.5	43,122.4	7.8	7.6	50,772.0	55,578.6	60,755.7	9.5	9.3
Housing Starts Centres 10,000+											
Starts (units)	Jan-June/2006	95,625	90,616	94,964	(5.2)	4.8	191,907	204,392	193,470	6.5	(5.3)
Completions (units)	Jan-June/2006	81,836	86,127	87,367	5.2	1.4	173,956	188,345	184,406	8.3	(2.1)
All Areas											
Starts (units)	Jan-June/2006	106,760	104,267	109,146	(2.3)	4.7	218,426	233,431	225,481	6.9	(3.4)
Completions (units)	Jan-June/2006	93,944	98,741	101,105	5.1	2.4	199,244	215,621	211,242	8.2	(2.0)
Under Construction (units)	June 30/2006	150,261	160,936	175,219	7.1	8.9	137,774	155,230	169,880	12.7	9.4
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT											
Real GDP (chained '97 $ millions)	2005	1,092,388	1,124,428	1,157,446	2.9	2.9	1,092,388	1,124,428	1,157,446	2.9	2.9

[1] Excludes oil and gas.